

**Minutes of the Three Lakes Town Board Supervisors Meeting
May 1, 2007**

The Three Lakes Town Board of Supervisors, Oneida County, Wisconsin held a regular town board meeting on May 1st, 2007, with all members present except clerk/administrator Hallman.

Chair Stebbeds called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Starke, second by Schwartz to approve the agenda.

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of April 17 & 19 minutes:

Starke requested spelling and grammatical errors be corrected on the April 17th minutes. Two sets of minutes were prepared for the April 19th special meeting, one by Hapka and one by Cottingham. Cottingham's minutes were selected as the official minutes. Motion by Schwartz, second by Starke to approve corrected April 17 & 19th minutes.

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

Regulation buoy placement on the Three Lakes Chain:

The committee that was formed in 2006 has submitted several proposals for buoy placement, but only Laurel Lake S-curve is being addressed at this time. Stebbeds made reference to the many letters and E-mails sent to the town office and said that the board takes the issue of safety very seriously. Cottingham recommended that the discussion be open to the people in attendance but limited to three people against buoys and three people for slow/no wake buoys with approximately four minutes per person. Statements were presented as to safety concerns and the reasons to install no wake restrictions. On the opposite side statements were presented as to the loss of the use of personal property and the impact on the value of the property if buoys are installed.

Several citizens, clubs and the Waterfront organization have pledged financial support for additional water patrol. Robert Lee stated he would accept money from anyone wishing to donate for added patrol and pass it on to the town.

D.N.R. safety specialist, Jeff Dautermann was available to answer questions from the town board.

Signs reading "No skiing", Slow no wake buoys, Slow no wake weekends & Holidays.

Jeff stated all of the above were possible, but would have to be done through the ordinance process.

The issue of whether the area in the S-curve is a lake or river channel must be answered by the D.N.R. Different restrictions for skiing and boating apply. Jeff clarified that boating restrictions are 100 feet from piers/docks, not 100 feet from shore on a lake and that the skier is considered part of the boat. In a river system this restriction does not apply.

The town will request a legal opinion from the D.N.R., Mike Lutz as to the current designation. Is it a lake or river.

Town council, Bill Anderson, provided the board with a letter stating a legal opinion on "Recreational Immunity Statute, Wis Stats 895.52/Laurel Lake", if the town installed buoys in the channel. See attached letter. In essence, the town would increase their exposure to liability if they didn't provide the enforcement. Hapka asked Jeff for clarification as to whether the town needs to go through the ordinance process for channel markers and the answer was No.

Audience participation was concluded and the board began deliberating the issue.

A motion by Hapka was made to install three or four channel markers in the vicinity of the T. McCloskey residence and West of the K. Klein residence. Added patrol hours (approximately 420 hours for this year). No skiing in the buoy area and caution sleeves on the buoys warning of a dangerous area. The town board will revisit the issue July 4, 2008, to see if the restrictions have improved the safety issues.

Second by Cottingham

Stebbeds asked for a voice vote.

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

Part Time police officer:

Cottingham requested that in the future he would like to be notified when a new applicant was being interviewed and be given a chance to speak with that person. Board elected not to interview the applicant and Stebbeds called for a motion to approve Eric Santefort.

Cottingham made the motion to approve hiring Eric Santefort as part time police officer.

Second by Schwartz.

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

Art on Main Street:

The request to close Hwy. 45 was questioned by the board because on May 16, 2006, the board voted that in the future these events should be held in the parks. The current board felt that shop owners would benefit from holding this on Superior Street. Signatures from all shop owners were needed before we would rule on this issue. The request was postponed until the next meeting and a petition with all shop owners signatures is presented.

Request by Tamarack Song to meet with MSA to review alternate road designs for Military Road:

The full board gave approval. Schwartz and Cottingham are to go with the people from Teaching Drum.

National Scenic Byway Proposal for Military Road:

Tamarack Song gave a short presentation on the economic benefits of achieving National Scenic Byway status for Military Road. He asked the town board for their support. Stebbeds asked for a motion to support obtaining National Scenic Byway status for Military Road.

Motion by Cottingham that the board support obtaining National Scenic byway status for Military Road.

Second by Hapka.

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried

Fee increase for new fire signs:

Issue was postponed until the town clerk returns.

Operator Licenses:

Daniel Kaiser – Rebecca Moe

Motion by Hapka to approve contingent to all applicable State and Local Statues.

Second by Schwartz.

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

6964 Forest Street Demolition:

No bids received by town.

No action to be taken at this time.

Addition to contract: contractor must clean up the street at the completion of demolition.

Review/Re-appoint Tony Hallman Town Administrator/Clerk:

Postponed due to town administrator/clerk's absence.

Community Planning Committee:

The town will advertise in the local paper to let the community know that a commission is being organized. The wishes of the town board would be to have people with diverse backgrounds and a willingness to serve respond, rather than randomly appointing people. Dave Hapka, with the assistance of Roland Zimmermann will compose the notification for the newspaper. The intent is to have this done within the next month or two (June/July). The number of people appointed will be established at a later date.

Stebbeds called for a motion to go forward with establishing a committee.

Motion by Hapka to advertise for members for a community planning commission.

Second by Schwartz.

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

Bills

Check numbers 14757 – 14759 \$23,971.85

Check numbers 14792 – 14827 \$16,670.21

Totaling \$40,642.06

Payroll Checks

Check numbers 14760 – 14791 \$17,103.94

Payroll taxes/electronic transfer - \$6,055.17

Stebbeds asked for motion to pay bills.

Motion by Cottingham

Second by Hapka

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Cottingham

Second by Hapka

Ayes 5, Noes 0. Motion carried.

Ed Cottingham
Town Supervisor.

